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SUBJECT: GOP COMMISSION TO COORDINATE REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL  
MOVEMENT

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1. THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE  
FEBRUARY 19 INFORMING THE PUBLIC THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT  
HAS FORMED A COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AND COOR-  
DINATING ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN ORDER TO INSURE ITS DEVELOPMENT  
"WITHIN THE IDEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION".  
MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE: LT. GEN (R) PEDRO SALA OROSCO,  
DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL MOBILIZATION AGENCY (SINAMOS);  
GEN JOSE GRAHAM HURTADO, CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
(COAP); GEN. JORGE FERNANDEZ-MALDONADO, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND  
MINES; GEN. JAVIER TANTALEAN VANINI, MINISTER OF FISHERIES;  
GEN. PEDRO RICHTER PRADA, MINISTER OF INTERIOR; AND ADMIRAL  
ALBERTO JIMENEZ DE LUCIO, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TOURISM.

2. GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION WAS SET  
UP PURSUANT TO GENERAL VELASCO'S SPEECH OF FEBRUARY 17 (REFTTEL)  
AND IN ANSWER TO THE CONTINUING CALL OF THE POPULACE.

3. COMMENT. IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE THE DIRECTION OR  
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MOMENTUM OF THIS INCIPIENT POLITICAL MOVEMENT BUT IT HAS THE

POTENTIAL AT LEAST OF DEVELOPING INTO AN OFFICIAL PARTY OF THE REVOLUTION. THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION MAY GIVE A FEW HINTS ABOUT MODALITIES AND DIRECTION OF THE MOVEMENT. GENERAL SALA-OROSCO HAS PROBABLY BEEN GIVEN A MANDATE TO USE SINAMOS APPARATUS AND CIVILIAN ACTIVISTS IN ORDER TO CONTROL AND DIRECT WHATEVER POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IS DEEMED DESIRABLE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE USE OF THE MILGOV LABOR UNION (CTRP) AND CAMPESINO ORGANIZATION (CNA) IN AN EFFORT TO STEAL PROPAGANDA SHOW FROM OTHER LABOR AND PEASANT GROUPS. GENERAL TANTALEAN MAY BE EXPECTED TO COORDINATE INsofar AS HE IS ABLE ACTIONS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LABOR MOVEMENT (MLR) WHOSE STENGTH HAS CENTERED AROUND FISHERMEN AND IN PORT AREAS. GENERAL GRANHAM AND GENERAL FERNANDEZ-MALDONADO ARE NO DOUBT ON THE COMMISSION BECAUSE OF THEIR CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH VELASCO AND THEIR VALUE TO HIM AS POLITICAL ADVISORS. GENERAL RICHTER AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY IS AN OBVIOUS CHOICE. HIS PRESENCE MAY ALSO MEAN THAT FEBRUARY 5 RIOTING HAS NOT AFFECTED HIS PRESTIGE AMONG MILITARY PEER GROUP. ADMIRAL JIMENEZ DE LUCIO IS ALSO CONSIDERED CLOSE TO VELASCO. IN FACT THE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF THE GROUP IS THEIR PERSONAL LOYALTY TO VELASCO.

4. THE FACT THAT THE GROUP IS COMPOSED OF FOUR ARMY GENERALS, ONE NAVY ADMIRAL AND ONE RETIRED AIR FORCE GENERAL DEMONSTRATES AGAIN THE ARMY'S DOMINANT POSITION IN THE MILGOV. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT FOUR IN THE GROUP (GEN. SALA-OROSCO, GRAHAM, FERNANDEZ-MALDONADO AND TANTALEAN) ARE CONSIDERED LEFTIST MILITANTS IN THE PERUVIAN MILITARY POLITICAL SPECTRUM AND ONLY TWO (GEN. RICHTER AND ADMIRAL JIMENEZ) ARE MODERATES. THIS MAY MEAN THAT WHATEVER FORM THE REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL MOVEMENT TAKES, IT WILL TEND TO NUDGE THE REVOLUTION LEFTWARD.

5. A CAVEAT CONCERNING THE POLITICAL COMMISSION AND ITS APPARENT LEFTIST NATURE SHOULD BE NOTED. THE EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, INCLUDING, STATEMENT BY AIR MINISTER GILARDI, TO AMBASSADOR THAT SINAMOS IS UNDERGOING A "HOUSE CLEANING" AND THAT COMMUNIST ACTIVISTS ARE BEING DISMISSED. ALSO, CPT UNION LEADERS (OLD- LINA APRISTAS WHO CLAIM NON-INVOLVEMENT IN FEBURARY 5 RIOTS) TOLD EMBASSY THAT GENERAL SALA OROSCO HAS ASKED FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN SINAMOS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZING ACTIVITY. IN VIEW OF SALA OROSCO'S RECENT PUBLIC PRAISE OF CTP LEADERSHIP, THEIR CLAIM CANNOT BE TOTALLY DISCOUNTED. IN FINAL ANALYSIS, WHETHER COMMISSION IS ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, ITS FORMATION REPRESENTS A PRE-EMPTIVE MILGOV MOVE UNDERLINING PRESIDENT VELASCO'S STATMENT THAT THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT RESTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REVOLUTION. DEAN

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